A regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on the 4th day of February, 2010 at 7:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan B. Walsh	Supervisor
Joseph Cannella)
Fred Sciliano)Councilman
Patrick Vetere)
Marlane Amelio) Councilwoman

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney

ALSO ATTENDING:

Fred Castiglia	Deputy Town Attorney
Robert Paladino	Village Attorney
Jonathan Kraut	Deputy Village Attorney
Robert FitzSimmons	
Anthony Marraccini	Acting Chief of Police/Captain, HPD
Anthony Robinson	Acting Commissioner of Public Works
Michael Amodeo	

There are no Village Board Minutes for February 4, 2010

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2010 - - 057 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR JOAN B. WALSH

The Census Bureau has been in touch with Supervisor Walsh informing her that April 1st is Census Day. The Census forms will be mailed out towards the end of March. Everybody is urged to look for them, fill them out and mail the form back to the Census Bureau. The more people counted in Harrison, the more money Harrison will receive.

The Census Bureau is offering temporary jobs, paying \$18 to \$20 per hour. The phone number is 1-866-861-2010. This information is also on Channel 75 and on the Website.

Reminder that February 4th is a regular Election Day for Adam Bradley's position. Mr. Bradley has taken the position of Mayor of the City of White Plains.

Regarding trash pick up: phone calls are stilling being received but less than before. The Sanitation Department has been told to be more careful with the garbage and recycling bins. Mrs. Walsh showed a magazine picture titled: "Stars Get Trashed". It's a picture of six different movie and television stars bringing their garbage to the curb. Harrison is not the only Town bringing their garbage to the curb.

There will be no comments tonight from anybody regarding the selection of the Police Chief. When we go into executive session we will discuss and possible decide when the interview process will begin.

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PUBLIC HEARING – RE: LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2010 AMENDING CHAPTER 155 "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" (YARD WASTE)

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, with all members voting in favor the Hearing was opened.

Rob Porto asked for a review.

Town Attorney Frank Allegretti explained that chapter 155 is being revised. The Board wanted to carve out an exception, leaves, debris, etc, that would take them to a separate category and the Board would put a separate fine for especially leaves in the middle of the street, that are obstructions. The way the code is written, under section 155 the minimum fine is \$250. So the Board thought it was unfair and segregated those items out and made the minimum fine \$50.

Supervisor Walsh explained that this was discussed at a prior Board Meeting.

Naomi Oppman stated that last year the leaves on the main road weren't picked up until March because of ice and snow. Fines should be kept heavy.

With no one else speaking against or for, the Hearing was closed.

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2010 - - 058 - - b <u>ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2010</u> <u>AMENDING CHAPTER 155 "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE"</u> (YARD WASTE)

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2010, amending Chapter 155 of the Town/Village Code entitled "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse as follows:

Chapter 155 Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse

§ 155-12. Definitions.

REFUSE - Any material which may create a danger to public health, safety, welfare or the environment or which creates pollution or unsightliness, including, without limitation, rubbish; combustible trash, including but not limited to paper, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood, excelsior, trees, tree brush, branches, stumps or similar refuse, wood furniture and bedding; noncombustible trash, including but not limited to metals, scrap metal or discarded material, tin cans, metal furniture, plastic material, dirt, quantities of rock and pieces of concrete, glass, crockery and other mineral waste; street rubbish, including but not limited to street sweepings, dirt, catch basin dirt, contents of litter receptacles, or for collecting, dismantling, storage and salvaging of machinery or vehicles not in running condition, automobile bodies, rubber, refrigerators, gas ranges and building material, including all fixtures used in connection therewith.

TOWN - The Town of Harrison.

YARD WASTE - Leaves, twigs, lawn and yard trimmings.

§ 155-13. Dumping of refuse in certain places.

- A. No person shall deposit, throw or place or dump Papers or Refuse or permit Papers or Refuse to be deposited, thrown, placed, stored or dumped in or upon all or any part of any lot, enclosure, public street or sidewalk or other outside portions of any building within the limits of the Town of Harrison.
- B. No person shall deposit, throw or place or dump Yard Waste or permit Yard Waste to be deposited, thrown, placed, stored or dumped in or upon all or any part of any lot, enclosure, public street or sidewalk or other outside portions of any building within the limits of the Town of Harrison.

§ 155-16. Penalties for offenses.

- A. The violation of any provision of this Article, other than a violation of 155-13B, shall be an offense against this Article which shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for a term of no more than 15 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and the penalties prescribed above shall be applicable to each such separate offense, except that no further penalties shall be imposed for the period during which any appeal from a conviction of such offense is pending. The penalties provided for herein are in addition to any other penalties permitted by any other applicable law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance.
- B. The violation of any provision of this Article, other than a violation of 155-13A, shall be an offense against this Article which shall be punishable by a minimum fine of \$50 for a first offense and a minimum fine of \$250 for a second and subsequent offense, all offenses with a maximum fine of \$500 or by imprisonment for a term of no more than 15 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and the penalties prescribed above shall be applicable to each such separate offense, except that no further penalties shall be imposed for the period during which any appeal from a conviction of such offense is pending. The penalties provided for herein are in addition to any other penalties permitted by any other applicable law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance.
- C. In addition to any other penalties provided under Subsection A of this section or provided by any other law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance, any violation of any provision of this Article shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. Civil penalties shall be recovered in a civil act on brought in the name of the Town Board.

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Harrison Town Board and upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State, as provided by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Commissioner of Public Works. Copies to: Assessor Adopted by the following vote: Benefits Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio-AYES: Bldg FILED THIS Supervisor Walsh Compt'lr Engrng DAY OF NAYS: None Law. Police P. Wrks ABSENT: None Purch'g Recr'm

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PUBLIC HEARING – RE: LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2010 AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SUPPLEMENTAL USE AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS TO CONSIDER THE MODIFICATION OF THE "B" ZONE WITH AN INCREASE OF THE LOT COVERAGE FROM 30 TO 35%

Some time ago the Board voted to change the lot coverage and it was reduced to 30. The builders made the foundation coverage 30% but when they cantilevered the house, the house looked odd and the Board decided that wasn't what they wanted.

Councilman Cannella made a motion to adjourn C-3 and C-5 with respect to height and other requirements in the B zone, to the March 4, 2010 Meeting.

On motion of Councilwoman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was opened.

Supervisor Walsh asked if Mr. Cannella would like to explain why he wanted to adjourn the matter.

Mr. Cannella stated that at the Meeting held yesterday, Wednesday, February 3rd, with respect to both issues, and were attended by Councilman Sciliano and Councilman Cannella, the Town Planner, Pat Cleary, Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons and Mike Amodeo, Acting Engineer discussed the draft that notified the public, C-3, a lot of progress wasn't made but turned into a discussion about C-5. There was a draft of the general "B" zone changes which was referred to the Planning Board, as a result of that round table discussion the Engineering Department had an issue with the proposed legislation didn't deal with situations where the building lot was lower than the street which was the focal point of where the measurements were to be done. There was a fairly large loop hole in it. As a result they diagramed an alternative measurement test would apply to prevent abuses that could potentially happen in that affect. Attorney Jonathan Kraut (was not yet present) was notified and it was suggested to Mr. Kraut some language to him. At present Councilman Cannella had not seen the draft. He went on to say that in respect to the flood zone that follows up from the same kind of changes, improving, the flood zone is a different issue because of the new FEMA area regulations in Harrison there are areas in the flood zone that were never there before. Because of the changes of the flood zone definitions and also by new FEMA definitions. There needs to be reconsideration of what is being done in the flood zone as to height and set backs and to allow for any type of architectural design. There is a symmetry between the two. By the next Meeting a draft should be ready.

Mr. Cannella can this be noticed if given four weeks until the next Town Board Meeting.

Town Attorney Frank Allegretti replied yes. Feedback will be gotten promptly. The newspaper requires about ten days.

Mr. Cannella stated that if all comments are back within ten days, there's plenty of time. feedback would come in and distributed to the Board and then noticed. The "B" zone could be done at the same time.

With no one else speaking for or against, the Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano, with all members voting in favor the Hearing was adjourned until the March 4, 2010 Meeting.

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2010 - - 059 - - b <u>PUBLIC HEARING - RE: LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2010</u> <u>AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SUPPLEMENTAL USE</u> AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2010, Amending Article VI, Supplemental Use and Dimensional Regulations as follows:

A Local Law amending Section 235-18 (B) of the Town Code of the Town of Harrison entitled "Placement of accessory buildings and uses; garages; off-street parking; truck loading spaces by adding paragraph:

6. In the B Residential Zoning District the [maximum] driveway width through the lot and shall not exceed 22 feet measured from the front lot line through the required front yard and a maximum of 20 feet through the right of way to the edge of the street pavement.

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Harrison Town Board and upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State, as provided by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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AUTHORIZATION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING RE: LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2010 RE: COMMERCIAL TRASH PICK UP.

Village Attorney Robert Paladino stated that Attorney Jonathan Kraut requested that the board be reminded that January 25th the board was sent a memo regarding a Local Law regarding Trash Pickup. Mr. Paladino further stated that the Town has a significant amount of money budgeted for the year 2010 and can not begin to charge those fees until a local law is passed.

Councilman Sciliano and Councilwoman Amelio responded to Mr. Kraut regarding the matter.

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella, with all members voting in favor, to schedule a Public Hearing for March 4, 2010 RE: Local Law No __ of 2010 for "Commercial Trash Pick Up."

Supervisor Joan Walsh stated that if anyone would like a copy of the Commercial Trash Pick Up could call her office or the attorneys.

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APPROVAL FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RON BELMONT TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE IN SARATOGA, NY, MARCH 22-24, 2010

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont for authorization to attend the New York State Parks and Recreation Conference, in Saratoga, NY, March 22-24, 2010, at no cost to the Town.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the use of the Town's credit card travel miles be used to offset the cost of the hotel.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Superintendent of Recreation.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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APPROVAL FOR ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL JOHN CAPARELLI TO ATTEND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL & INSPECTOR ASSOCIATION CODE ENFORCEMENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING SEMINAR, COST: \$160

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons for authorization for Assistant Fire Marshal John Caparelli to attend the Westchester County Fire Marshal & Inspector Association Code Enforcement In-Service Training Seminar on February 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13, 2010. The Seminar will be held at the Purchase Fire Department at a cost of \$160. Attendance at the Seminar will be applied to the required 24 hour in-service training for this year.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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APPROVAL FOR TWO K-9 TEAMS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL WEEK OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN BLACKLICK, OHIO. COST: \$4,200.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Acting Chief of Police/Captain Anthony Marraccini for authorization for two K-9 teams to attend the annual week of in-service training, from March 8th through March 12, 2010, in Blacklick, Ohio, at a cost not to exceed \$4,200.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Mr. Marraccini.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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<u>AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE POLICE SPECIAL DETAIL CHARGE</u> TO \$125 PER HOUR

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to increase the Police Special Detail Charge from \$80 to \$125 per hour, as agreed by the Board during the budget process.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$125 fee will for "Special Details" will become effective beginning February 5, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Captain Marraccini.

Adopted by the following vote:

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2010 - - 065 - - a <u>APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION</u> FOR THE HARRISON DOG PARK PROJECT

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept a donation for the Harrison Dog Park Project Account #009-615 from the following:

Joseph and Diana Minishi \$50.

FURTHER RESOLVED that to date the total amount of donations is \$8,131.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Supervisor Walsh

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2010 - - 065 - - b APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION FOR THE EMILIO SCATENATO PLAQUE

On motion of Councilwoman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept a donation for the Emilio Scatenato Plaque Account #009-616 from the following:

Richard and Alice Evangelista

\$100.

FURTHER RESOLVED that to date the total amount of donations is \$2,750.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

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APPROVAL FOR THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST CONSORTIUM AND TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Town Attorney Frank Allegretti for authorization for the Inter-Agency Agreement between the South East Consortium and the town of Harrison, in the amount of \$21,355. This figure includes a 3% municipal fee increase for 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to execute said Agreement.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Town Attorneys.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF MARCH 18, 2010 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDING THE COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION TO ADD COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS AND PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VETERAN

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to approve to set the date of March 18, 2010 for a Public Hearing to amend the Cold War Veterans exemption to add cooperative apartments and properties held in trust for the benefit of the veteran. It corrects an equity caused by differentials in timing in active service of such veterans. There are only twenty one (21) veterans to whom this shall apply and the total cost differential is \$3,651 across the entire tax roll.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Assessor and the Receiver of Taxes.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

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APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS FOR WESTCHESTER TRIATHLON'S 26TH ANNUAL RACE FOR THE LEUKEMIA-LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Douglas Schwartz, Jarden Westchester Triathlon Race Director for a Special Events Permit for their annual race on Sunday, September 19, 2010, with no rain date, to raise funds for charities such as local chapter of Leukemia-Lymphoma Society. The route of the race is to enter Harrison on Purchase Street, until it crosses Rte. 287, then a left turn onto Westchester Avenue east, continuing onto Rte. 120, following Rte. 120 and then turning left onto Purchase Street and continuing into the City of Rye.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee be waived.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certificate of Insurance and Indemnification will be forwarded.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Department, the Acting Commissioner of Public Works and the Acting Chief of the Police Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

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APPROVAL FOR A 270 DAY EXTENSION OF THE TIME TO APPLY FOR A BUILDING PERMIT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Linda Whitehead, attorney with the firm of McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP, on behalf of her client Westchester Avenue Associates – 3000-3030 Westchester Avenue for authorization for a 270 day extension of the time to apply for a building permit.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector and Ms. Whitehead.

Adopted by the following vote:

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APPROVAL FOR THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF SMOOTH SOLUTIONS, INC., TO SCAN THE MICROFILM IMAGES OF TOWN BOARD RESOLUTIONS. COST: \$14,095.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the contract with the firm of Smooth Solutions, Inc., to scan microfilm images of the Town Board Resolutions and put them into a Word Search Software, at a cost of \$14,095.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is through a grant received by Town Clerk Joseph Acocella.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Town Clerk.

Adopted by the following vote:

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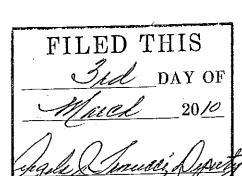
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2010 - - 071 LOCAL LAW RE: COMMERCIAL TRASH

Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut explained that the memo he sent the Board on January 25th had back ups with two laws attached, one from Peekskill and one from Ardsley. The Municipal Research Center is looking at other laws but so far these two that have been seen that the Board could model the Towns law after. Some questions that were asked by Board members regarding multi-family including three family residences, how many the Town currently had on the Town rolls. Today, Mr. Kraut received information from the Building Department the Town has is sixty seven (67) three family parcels in Town and how it would effect them. Some of the earlier discussions were whether or not you could grant any exemptions to religious institutions. You cannot. Mr. Kraut stated that he would like direction from the Board in terms of which law they like, if the Board sees things in the law that you do or don't like and the rate structure within the confines of which law you like, where you would like to see the rate set. The Law Department will try to look at it, along with town staff, to make sure that in terms of the billing and collection and implementations that it will be a doable task this year. He went on to say that a Public Hearing can't be scheduled, he has to have a local law drafted and in front of the Board.

Supervisor Joan Walsh said that if the Board sends Mr. Kraut their comments by next week, it will give the Law Department enough time to draft the law.

Mr. Kraut replied: yes.

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2010 - - 073 - - a OLD BUSINESS:

Before the Board recessed to Executive Session Mr. Roy Porto asked to speak regarding Old Business.

Mr. Porto asked the Board to work on union negotiations this year. Because now 29-30% of the Town's budget of \$54,000,000 is being spent on employee benefits. According to page 10 of the budget, it seems that the cure all was to hurt the taxpayers as far as the garbage pick up. He really thinks they have to go back and solve the problem. He is asking as humbly as possible for the unions to react to the Supervisor's request, because there are other options out there. We want our men to perform these services but do not want to be fools. He hopes that the unions can pull back, they're getting a lot of good benefits, and good pay. The Department Heads are getting raises.

Supervisor Joan Walsh interrupted saying that nobody is getting a raise.

Mr. Porto said he's getting letters talking about all the employees in the library. He went on to say that you have to look at the problem and fix it. Not vent it by hurting all the people in Harrison. As soon as you drive into Harrison its garbage alley. When I'm in the country club you see garbage cans. You are a self serving government. He knows there's a problem. Steve Malfitano spent money and he (Mr. Porto) said that too much money is being spent and was told he was misguided. The garbage is upsetting. He doesn't want it outsourced.

Mrs. Walsh responded by saying pointed out that one thing they have done in the past years. The board reduced staff by 43 people.

Mr. Porto thanked all that did retire and that they were good people.

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2010 - - 073 - - b COMMENTS BY RESIDENTS

Ms. Oppman said she had a comment regarding the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. When these events are going through Town are police officers paid by the Society.

Supervisor Walsh responded: Yes

Ms. Oppman stated that there's she heard a rumor that Bob Wasp retired last year and now was hired as a consultant at \$150 per hour.

Mrs. Walsh replied: for very specific projects. On Project Homerun, there's \$700,000 that's due to the Town. We have to work with the DEC to get that money back. Mr. Wasp has all that information in his head and he was here today, we worked on it and that's entrained.

Ms. Oppman said that we gave him a lump sum of \$70,000 to retire.

Mrs. Walsh replied that his retirement was a quick decision and he has knowledge in his head that we (the Town) needs and it's for very specific projects that he has been retained.

Councilman Cannella asked: what is the total dollar amount?

Supervisor Walsh replied: \$15,000.

Ms. Oppman responded: she would have said to him, we need you help, could you retire at a later date.

Mrs. Walsh answered: No, that couldn't have done that. The retirement incentive didn't work that way. It had to be by December 19, 2009. As with the other Department Heads, Mr. Wasp is available by phone. That's not included in this consulting contract.

Ms. Oppman went on to say that the Sanitation Department is doing a great job salting the roads. At the last Meeting, the Journal News implied that she was against getting rid of back door pick up. For the last year she's been saying, get rid of back door pick up. She didn't think it was thought out very well. The Journal News also wrote that Ms. Oppman was worried about garbage getting onto her property. Because of where Ms. Oppman lives, she gets garbage on her property all the time, if it was a problem she would have complained before now. She wanted to vindicate herself because she was very upset about the article. Her garbage men are very nice.

Dino Puccio wanted to discuss an article in the newspaper. The County refinanced their bonds and he wanted to know if the Town could refinance their bonds and get a low interest rate.

Supervisor Walsh responded by saying that most of our bonds have a very low interest rate as it stands. Ms. Walsh doesn't think the Town could get a lower rate but will discuss it with the Comptroller. It was discussed last year and the answer was no.

Mr. Puccio stated that the County refinanced at approximately 2.5%. What is the cost for health benefits for Town employees, per family, per person.

Mrs. Walsh answered the coverage is just over \$21,000 for a family, just over \$9,000 for a single.

Mr. Puccio asked if that is for medical, dental and eyeglasses.

Mrs. Walsh responded that she believes it's just medical.

Mr. Puccio said that the family health insurance for his group is going from \$15,000 a month to \$18,000 a month. He's exploring other companies. Why should he, a taxpayer, pay for the employee "Cadillac" benefits?

Mrs. Walsh responded that part of the problem is the Town is self insured and other options are being looked at, but part of the problem is, it's all imbedded in the union contract.

Mr. Puccio stated that if we (the Town) files for bankruptcy, you start square.

Mrs. Walsh responded: what that would do to our bond rating would be incredible.

Mr. Puccio said: at this point, what's the difference. We're going down the wrong path.

Councilwoman Amelio interjected that part of the platform she ran on was establishing a citizen's financial advisory committee and she thinks we've reached a point where we need to establish it soon. We need help.

Supervisor Walsh stated that she has asked someone she knows if he would be a part of that.

Ms. Amelio stated that for anyone listening, if they're interested in becoming part of that committee, let the Supervisor know.

Lucille Held stated that under the Freedom of Information we are suppose to get every consultant's result after they are paid the money, she has asked for the written results by Mr. Callahan.

Mrs. Walsh responded that there is no written report. It was only to be an oral report.

Mrs. Held said that she is insisting, that she has paid for Mr. Callahan's report, and she doesn't want any consultant from coming here to be excused from giving us a written report.

Mark Jaffe commended Ms. Amelio for opening up and getting some expertise. The Board needs some help. We're talking about equity for our taxpayers we want to get a return on our great town that we live in. We need to participate more and we need to be heard, it's called buy-in in the private sector.

Supervisor Walsh interrupted saying that she believed that Harrison has the most open Town Board Meeting of any community she has ever been in. Whenever she goes anywhere she tries to attend a Town Board Meeting. Most people have speakers before or after but never during a meeting and there is no comment period during a meeting, residents are now limited to five minutes because comments have gotten out of hand but anybody and everybody speaks at our meetings.

Mr. Jaffe responded by saying that more participation. He believes that the Board is negotiating a new union contract at present the Board hasn't signed one for the new year yet, have you?

Mrs. Walsh responded: No.

Mr. Jaffe went on to say that what Mr. Puccio was talking about is very critical now, we need concessions from the 300 plus labor force. We need them now! We don't want to come back next year and see another double digit tax increase. The citizens can't afford it. Let's get it done this year because we didn't get it done last year.

Supervisor Walsh responded that the contracts expired the end of December 2009 because we had asked them for concessions. She said that she made the decision not to begin negotiations because she wanted to negotiate the concessions first, then the contracts. The contracts will go back to the 1st of January but in this economic climate it's not going to be business as usual.

Mr. Jaffe said: the contracts have expired, that is new, he's talking about year end and year out the double digit tax increases are hurting the residents. Let's negotiate new health benefits, concessions, let people pay in more, the state and businesses are demanding it, it's time we demanded it. If you need help to do this, he advises a Town Manager, because it is not the Board's job.

Councilwoman Amelio replied that the entire board is not part of that negotiation process.

Lucille Held stated that she apologizes for accusing the lawyers for making \$100,000 a year. She was advised by the Mayor that was not really true. We are obligated to \$108,000 a year. It costs us \$58,000 for each attorney.

Ms. Amelio said that what Ms. Held was trying to talk about had nothing to do with the meeting but rather something personal.

Supervisor Walsh announced there is no Village Me	eting.	Copies to:
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On motion duly made and seconded, with all members the Meeting was reconvened at 10:25 PM.	ers voting in favor, THIS	Compt'l Engrng Law Police P. Wrks Purch'g Recr'm

2010 - - 074 SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: FREIS v. TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the claim of Freis v. the Town of Harrison, in the amount of \$21.45, for property damage.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

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AUTHORIZATION TO SET THE DATE OF MARCH 4, 2010 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDING CHAPTER 54, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to set the date of March 4, 2010 for a Public Hearing RE: Amending Chapter 54, Residency Requirements.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

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APPOINTMENT OF IRA LEVY AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR TAX CERTIORARI MATTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint Ira Levy as Outside Counsel for tax certiorari matters in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

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2010 - - 077 <u>APPOINTMENT OF VINCENT TOOMEY</u> <u>AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL</u>

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint Vincent Toomey as Outside Counsel for labor negotiations in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Amelio

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor declared closed at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela J. Tamucci Deputy Town Clerk Copies to:

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